

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased at least to give a list of question No. 24?

(A copy of the question was handed over to him).

There is nothing said about the completion of the survey here. Only the Nayarambalam Village is mentioned here. Am I to take it that the survey will be completed before the end of 1110 as the Hon'ble Member for Education said?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think the Government said the other day—I think it was question time or so—that they are pushing on with this work as rapidly as possible and that provision has been made only for 1110. They hope to complete the work before 1110.

Expenditure on Technical Education.

136. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 22, dated 31st July 1933, regarding expenditure on Technical Education, will the Government be pleased to give the information for which they said 'I want notice' and;

(b) state what they have done to raise the percentage of the allotment for Technical Education as forecasted in their statement 'It can be considered'?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes, by increased taxation provided that is feasible.

(b) Revision of the scheme of Technical Education is engaging the attention of the department along with which the question of providing more funds will be considered.

Regulation to restrict rubber cultivation.

137. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have in contemplation any Regulation to restrict the cultivation of rubber in the State;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what is the necessity for the contemplated legislation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) In order to control the production and export of rubber with a view to increasing its price the Government of all countries in which rubber is produced have reached an agreement to restrict the cultivation and export of rubber for five years.

Kundur-Kuzhur road—construction of.

138. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any representation from

the Poyya Group Panchayat, requesting the Government to take up immediately the construction of the Kundur-Kuzhur road, (Mukundapuram Taluk);

(b) whether it is not a fact that a sum of Rs. 3,000 was provided by the Government in the Poyya Panchayat Budget of 1106 for cost of land acquisition for the above road, but was allowed to lapse on account of the delay caused in the land acquisition proceedings;

(c) whether the Diwan had not in his Proceedings D. Dis. 8772-08, dated 24th January 1933, ordered the Chief Engineer to take up the work of the above road after providing funds for it in the budget of 1109; and

(d) whether the necessary notices for land acquisition had not been published accordingly in the Government Gazette;

(e) in view of the above facts, what were the reasons which prompted the Government to order, before barely six months had passed from the date of their first order, that the opening of the above road will be put off to better times (D. Dis. 16126-08, dated 9th June 1934);

(f) are the Government aware that the putting off the opening of the above road is causing severe hardship to the people of all the neighbouring villages;

(g) will it not be possible for the Government even under the present financial condition, to provide for the opening of the road; if not all at once, at least in instalments extending over two or three years?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The draft declaration was published.

(e) The opening of this road involved a big outlay (Rs. 40,000) and the Government's financial position did not permit the taking up of this work.

(f) No. Government can understand that the opening of the road will add to the facilities for communication.

(g) Government will consider the opening of this road as a requirement of the village and see to its opening according to funds and the urgency of other works.

Industrial progress of the State.

139. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) What definite attempts they have made during the last ten years for the industrial progress of the State; and

(b) with what results?